(b) and (c) BIFR has reported that it has streamlined its procedures, reduced the time lag in hearing and shortened the overall duration of proceedings so as to ensure expeditious disposal of references. BIFR has further reported that the time taken for disposal of cases is coming down. While the average time taken for disposal of cases registered with BIFR during 1987 to 1991 was 739 days, the average time taken for disposal of cases registered during 1992 and 1993 was 457 days and 196 days respectively. For the year 1994, the average time taken for cases already disposed of was 105 days.

**Resignation by Members from Central Film Censor Board**

1231. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some members of Central Film Censor Board have resigned recently to lodge their protest against the prevailing "Wrong policies and actions" of the Board; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No. Sir.
(b) Does not arise.

**Successive Fall in the Rate of Inflation**

1232. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 7 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1996 and state:

(a) the rates of inflation in the months of January during the years successively 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996; and

(b) the factors responsible for the progressive fall in the inflation rate and in what way it is related to overall economic growth of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (Dr. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The annual rate of inflation in terms of wholesale Price Index (base:1981-82) for the month of January from 1991-1996 is listed below:-

| As on January | Annual rate of inflation |
|---|---|
| 1991 | 12.9 |
| 1992 | 13.6 |
| 1993 | 7.6 |
| 1994 | 9.1 |
| 1995 | 12.1 |
| 1996(provisional) | 5.2 |

(b) Some of important factors responsible for the progressive fall in the inflation rate during the current year are:—

— Continuation of open market sale by FCI of rice and wheat through 1995-96.
— Continuing OGL import policy for sugar, edible oils and pulses at nil or reduced duty.
— Import of sugar and edible oils on Government account for augmenting supply through PDS.
— Adjustment in trade, tax and tariff policies in the Budget for current fiscal year to ensure that domestic prices of industrial products remain competitive.
— Strengthening of public distribution system and its expansion in RPDS areas.
— Reduction of fiscal deficit in the budget for current financial year to 5.5 per cent of GDP.
— Containing monetary growth to less than 15.5 per cent in 1995-96 through a series of measures.

**Violation of FERA**

1233. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt.'s attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the 'Asian